

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the amendments made November 23, 2009, claims 3-5 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and claim 8 has been amended to depend from claim 7.

In view of the foregoing amendments, as well as the amendments and remarks filed November 23, 2009, it is submitted that each of the grounds of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment and the Amendment filed November 23, 2009, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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